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THE COURT: Be seated, please. Good morning.

MR. BERNSTEIN: Good morning, Your Honor. Mark

Bernstein from Weil, Gotshal & Manges on behalf of the Lehman

Chapter 11 debtors.

We have for you, today, what should be a relatively short hearing. We have fifteen uncontested omnibus objections. Certain of these have been heard at prior hearings, and these are relating to responses that were adjourned at that time and that have now been resolved. And then there are various ones that are new and this is the first hearing they're being heard at.

We have one contested matter which relates to an omnibus objection that was heard at a prior hearing as well, and after further review and discussions with claimant, the debtors have determined it's in everyone's interest to move forward and prosecute this at this point.

There was one other contested matter initially on the agenda, and that was the evidentiary hearing of Mark Glasser.

We heard from Mr. Glasser's counsel earlier this week that he had a conflict today and would not be able to make the hearing.

We've rescheduled that for the April claims hearing.

THE COURT: Without focusing on that one in particular, I do note that this matter has been scheduled and adjourned on countless occasions, and it's not clear to me that

the claimant seriously intends to move forward with this. It may be that he does, it may be that he doesn't. But I'm becoming somewhat impatient with this particular claim objection. And at some point, it's time to fish or cut bait, as they say. And I would ask you to convey to Mr. Glasser's counsel that at some point, if not prosecuted, the claim objection is simply going to be granted.

MR. BERNSTEIN: Understood, and I will certainly convey that to him. I would note that at least -- there were two occasions where the debtors had scheduling conflicts and it was adjourned at the debtors' request. However, most of the other circumstances, the other times it was scheduled and adjourned --

THE COURT: I'm not -- I'm not picking on him. I'm simply noting that for case administration purposes, when a matter such as this is adjourned what, to me, seems like about six months, it raises some questions as to the seriousness with which this matter is actually being prosecuted by the claimant.

MR. BERNSTEIN: Understood.

The last point I'd like to make before I turn it over to my colleagues is, as you may have noticed, there are a number of adjourned items from previous omnibus objections that have been filed. The debtors are in the process of creating a strategy to address those and prosecute those where necessary, or address them as otherwise appropriate in accordance with the

Page 8 rulings of this Court and the laws of this jurisdiction. 1 2. THE COURT: I'm not sure what that means, but okay. 3 We'll move on to the item. MR. BERNSTEIN: I'll turn the podium over to my 4 5 colleague, Melissa Colon to address certain of the omnibus 6 objections. 7 THE COURT: Okay. MS. COLON-BOSOLET: Good morning, Your Honor. 9 name's Melissa Colon-Bosolet with Weil, Gotshal, here, also, on behalf of the debtors. I'm going to be addressing three items 10 11 today: agenda item number 4, debtors' sixty-third omnibus objection, agenda item number 5, debtors' sixty-seventh omnibus 12 13 objection, and agenda item number 15, which is debtors' eighty-14 fourth omnibus objection. 15 With respect to the sixty-third omnibus objection, 16 since the original claims hearing on December 1st, debtors have 17 successfully settled with two additional counterparties: 18 Ferrero S.P.A. and Ferrero Trading Lux SA, and we have a proposed supplemental order reducing these claims to the 19 20 settled amount. We therefore respectfully request that Your 21 Honor grant the supplemental order on debtors' sixty-third 22 omnibus objection reducing and allowing these claims.

MS. COLON-BOSOLET: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: That will be granted.

respect to the sixty-seventh omnibus objection, since the

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original claims hearing on December 22nd, debtors have successfully settled with one additional counterparty, Ore Hill Concentrated Credit Hub Fund, and we have a proposed supplemental order reducing these claims to the settled amount. We also respectfully request that Your Honor grant a supplemental order on debtors' sixty-seventh reducing and allowing these claims.

THE COURT: That will be granted, as well.

MS. COLON-BOSOLET: Thank you, Your Honor.

Turning now to the eighty-fourth omnibus objection, the debtors are seeking to reduce and allow eighteen claims relating to eleven counterparties. These eleven counterparties failed to file any response to the eighty-fourth omnibus objection, and debtors seek to reduce and allow these eighteen claims on an uncontested basis.

There are also seventeen remaining claims in the eighty-fourth omnibus which belong to ten counterparties.

These counterparties either filed timely responses to the objection or were granted extensions to the response deadline by debtors. I'm happy to report that settlement discussions have begun with a number of these counterparties. Debtors respectfully request that this Court adjourn the hearing as to those seventeen claims until March 31st to allow for further settlement discussions.

We have an order for both the reduction and the

adjournments, and respectfully request that Your Honor grant debtors' eighty-fourth omnibus objection reducing and allowing the eighteen claims and adjourning the seventeen claims on our proposed order.

THE COURT: That will be granted, as well.

MS. COLON-BOSOLET: Thank you, Your Honor. If there are no questions, I'll turn the podium over to my colleague, Erin Eckols.

THE COURT: Fine, thank you.

MS. ECKOLS: Good morning, Your Honor. Erin Eckols for the debtors. I will be covering the remaining agenda items this morning. There are four carryover items from prior omnibus objections and eight new omnibus objections.

Just taking up agenda item number 1, that is a carryover item from the debtors' forty-ninth omnibus objection which Your Honor previously granted. The forty-ninth omnibus objection seeks to disallow and expunge individual noteholder claims that were duplicative of the claims filed by the Wilmington Trust Company and/or the Bank of New York Mellon as indenture trustees.

Bouef Limited filed a response which has since been resolved, and Bouef Limited's counsel confirmed its agreement with the objection being entered via e-mail. Accordingly, the debtors are seeking to disallow and expunge Bouef Limited's claim 2061 on an uncontested basis and respectfully request

Page 11 that the Court grant the debtors' forty-ninth omnibus objection 1 as to Bouef Limited's claim. 2. THE COURT: It's granted. MS. ECKOLS: Thank you, Your Honor. 4 5 Agenda item number 2 is a carryover item from the 6 debtors' fifty-fourth omnibus objection which Your Honor previously granted. The fifty-fourth omnibus objection also 7 seeks to expunge individual noteholder claims that were 9 duplicative of those filed by the respective indenture 10 trustees. 11 Today, we are proceeding as to claim 22926, filed by 12 the John Narel Trust. The debtors had several calls and emails with the Narel Trust and were able to resolve its 13 objection to the fifty-fourth omnibus objection. The John 14 15 Narel Trust has withdrawn its opposition, and its notice of 16 withdrawal is reflected on the docket at entry 14673. Accordingly, the debtors respectfully request that the Court 17 18 grant the fifty-fourth omnibus objection as to the John Narel 19 Trust claim 22926. THE COURT: It's granted as to that claim. 20 MS. ECKOLS: Thank you, Your Honor. 21 Agenda item number 3 is a carryover item from the 22 debtors' fifty-fifth omnibus objection which Your Honor 23

seeks to disallow and expunge individual noteholder claims that

previously granted. The fifty-fifth omnibus objection also

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were duplicative of claims filed by the respective indenture trustees. Lilith Ventures filed a response which has been resolved. Lilith Ventures' counsel confirmed its agreement with the objection being entered via e-mail to the debtors. Accordingly, the debtors are seeking to disallow and expunge Lilith Ventures' claim 2060 on an uncontested basis and respectfully request that the Court grant the debtors' fifty-fifth omnibus objection as to Lilith Ventures' claim.

THE COURT: It is granted as to Lilith Ventures.

MS. ECKOLS: Thank you, Your Honor.

Your Honor, agenda item number 6 is the carryover item from the January 20th hearing. It is the debtors' seventy-third omnibus objection. The seventy-third omnibus objection seeks to reclassify as equity interests claim filed by current and/or former employees of the debtors that are based on restricted stock units and/or contingent stock awards.

The debtors are proceeding today as to twenty-seven of the claims that were previously adjourned. Those claims are listed on Exhibit B to the agenda. Prior to the January 20th hearing, the holders of those twenty-seven claims had requested additional time to review the seventy-third omni and determine if they wanted to oppose it. The debtors granted those extensions, and the claimants ultimately did not file any opposition. Accordingly, the debtors are proceeding uncontested as to those twenty-seven claims and respectfully

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Page 13 request that the Court grant the seventy-third omnibus 1 objection as to those claims. THE COURT: That objection is granted as to the claims identified on Exhibit B. MS. ECKOLS: Thank you, Your Honor. Your Honor, starting with agenda item number 7, this is where the new omnibus objections begin and continue until we 7 reach the one contested matter on the agenda for today. The seventy-sixth omnibus objection seeks to disallow and expunge claims that violated this Court's bar date order as 10 11 they were submitted without any supporting documentation. debtors resolved all the informal and formal responses that 12 13 were received, and is thus proceeding uncontested. The one formal response, that of Tsang Man Chiu, was 14 resolved by the debtors agreeing to withdraw the objection as 15 16 to that claim, and the debtors notified the claimant that they 17 were doing so. 18 Accordingly, the debtors respectfully request that the Court grant the seventy-sixth omnibus objection. 19 THE COURT: The seventy-sixth omnibus objection is granted. 21 Thank you, Your Honor. 22 MS. ECKOLS: Your Honor, taking up agenda item number 8, that is 23

the seventy-seventh omnibus objection, it seeks to disallow and

expunge claims that were amended and superseded by subsequently

Page 14 filed claims. All formal responses have been adjourned while the debtors work on a resolution, and the debtors are proceeding on an uncontested basis. The debtors did enter into a stipulation with one of the claimants whose claims were subject to that objection, that being Mason Capital. Mason Capital submitted certain notices of default that were posted on the claims register although they were not intended to be claims. These notices were on the seventy-seventh omnibus objection, and the stip says -- the stipulation that the parties agreed to says that those claims will be removed from the claims register. They were letters, essentially, notifying notices of default. Your Honor, I do have a copy of that stipulation, if you would like me to hand it up at this time, or I can submit it after. THE COURT: Why don't you hand it up? MS. ECKOLS: Okay, thank you, Your Honor. May I approach? THE COURT: Please. Thank you. MS. ECKOLS: Your Honor, the debtors are requesting respectfully that you approve the stipulation with Mason Capital and grant the debtors' seventy-seventh omnibus objection.

THE COURT: Seventy-seventh omnibus objection is

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granted and the stipulation with Mason Capital Management is approved.

MS. ECKOLS: Thank you, Your Honor.

Agenda item number 9 is the seventy-eighth omnibus objection to claims. This is a new type of omnibus objection filed by the debtors. It seeks to disallow and expunge claims for two separate but related reasons, claims filed by individual holders of certain notes, first because the claims are duplicative of the claim filed by Bank of New York

Corporate Trust Services as trustee under a certain principal trust deed seeking to recover on those notes, second because the debtors do not have a contractual relationship with the individual noteholders.

Bank of New York entered into a principal trust deed in connection with the multi-issuer secured obligation program. Under that program, special purpose entities like Topaz Finance Limited were created as vehicles for entering into synthetic collateralized debt obligation transactions. Topaz and Lehman Brothers Special Finance entered into a swap agreement that was guaranteed by Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. The individual noteholders were not party to the swap agreement or to the guarantee.

The claims the debtors are seeking to expunge were filed by individual holders of notes issued by Topaz. Bank of New York filed its claim as trustee on behalf of Topaz and to

protect the interest of the noteholders to recover for those same notes. Under the principal trust deed, Bank of New York is permitted to act on behalf of Topaz for the benefit of the individual noteholders and is the proper party to prosecute claims related to those particular notes. Thus the individual noteholder claims are substantively duplicative of the Bank of New York claim.

In addition, because the noteholders are not parties to the swap agreement or guarantee between the applicable debtor and Topaz, they do not have a contractual relationship with the debtors. To the extent that the debtors have liability for the swap agreement or the guarantee, that liability would be to Topaz, not to the individual noteholders. Lacking a contractual relationship with the debtors, the individual noteholders do not have an enforceable right to payment against the debtors, and thus the debtors have no liability on those individual noteholder claims.

Accordingly, for the two reasons discussed, the individual noteholder claims should be disallowed and expunged, and the debtors respectfully request that the Court grant the seventy-eighth omnibus objection.

THE COURT: That objection is granted.

MS. ECKOLS: Thank you, Your Honor.

Agenda item number 10 is the seventy-ninth omnibus objection to claims. This omnibus objection seeks to

reclassify as general unsecured claims claims that improperly assert entitlement to treatment as administrative expense claims under Section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code. To qualify for administrative expense treatment under 503(b)(9), claims must be seeking to recover for the value of goods sold to the debtor in the ordinary course of business and received by the debtor within twenty days of the petition date.

The claims at issue failed to meet the most basic requirement of Section 503(b)(9) because they are not claims seeking to recover for the sale of goods to the debtors.

Specifically, the claims are seeking to recover for services rendered to the debtors, lease rejection damages, and ownership of the debtors' securities.

Because the claims do not qualify for administrative expense treatment under Section 503(b)(9), the debtors respectfully request that the Court reclassify those claims as general unsecured claims and grant the seventy-ninth omnibus objection.

THE COURT: The seventy-ninth omnibus objection is granted.

MS. ECKOLS: Your Honor, taking up agenda item number 11, which is the eightieth omnibus objection to claims, this omnibus objection seeks to disallow and expunge claims for which the debtors have no liability. These claims either state on their face that they are against an entity that is not a

debtor in these Chapter 11 proceedings, and/or the supporting documentation establishes that the claim is against a nondebtor entity.

The debtors did not receive any formal or informal responses and are proceeding uncontested today. Accordingly, the debtors respectfully request that the Court grant the eightieth omnibus objection.

THE COURT: The eightieth omnibus objection is granted.

MS. ECKOLS: Thank you, Your Honor.

Agenda item number 12 is the eighty-first omnibus objection. This omnibus objection seeks to disallow and expunge claims that are duplicative, either exactly or in substance, of other claims filed by the same claimant on the claims register.

All formal responses have been adjourned while the parties work on a resolution, and all informal responses have been resolved. Accordingly, the debtors respectfully request that the Court grant the eighty-first omnibus objection.

THE COURT: The eighty-first omnibus objection is granted.

MS. ECKOLS: Your Honor, agenda item number 13, which is the eighty-second omnibus objection, it seeks to disallow and expunge individual noteholder claims that are duplicative of the claims filed by Wilmington Trust and/or Bank of New York

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The debtors are proceeding uncontested as all informal responses have been resolved and all formal responses have been adjourned. In connection with this objection, the debtors entered into a stipulation with JPMorgan Chase that the debtors are requesting the Court approve today. And Your Honor, I have a copy of that stipulation, if I may approach?

THE COURT: Please.

Thank you.

MS. ECKOLS: Your Honor, the JPMorgan Chase claims that are subject to the eighty-second omnibus objection purport to assert direct claims related to the notes, as well as guarantee claims. The stipulation sets forth the parties' agreement and clarification that only the direct claims related to the notes are expunged by the eighty-second omnibus objection and that the guarantee claims will survive active on the claims register subject to reservation of rights by all parties.

Accordingly, the debtors respectfully request that the Court grant the eighty-second omnibus objection and approve the stipulation with JPMorgan Chase.

THE COURT: The eighty-second omnibus objection is granted, and the stipulation with JPMorgan Chase is granted, as well.

MS. ECKOLS: Thank you, Your Honor.

Agenda item number 14 is the eighty-third omnibus objection to claims. It is seeking the modification and allowance of certain claims for which the parties reached an agreement with respect to the claim amount, classification, and/or debtor entity that is not reflected on the claimant's proof of claim. The omnibus objection is seeking to modify those claims to conform to the parties' agreement.

There were no formal or informal responses received,
Your Honor. Thus the debtors respectfully request that the
Court grant the eighty-third omnibus objection to claims.

THE COURT: It's granted.

MS. ECKOLS: Thank you, Your Honor.

Your Honor, moving on to agenda item 16 which is the one contested item going forward today, it is a carryover item from the sixty-fourth omnibus objection which the Court previously granted. The sixty-fourth omnibus objection sought to disallow and expunge that (sic) violated this Court's bar date order as they failed to include any supporting documentation.

Today, the debtors are proceeding as to claim 5458, filed by DuWarn Porter. Contrary to the requirements of the bar date order, Mr. Porter's claim was submitted without any require -- without any supporting documentation. Mr. Porter filed an informal response stating that he opposed the objection, but he did not provide any supporting documentation.

Page 21 The debtors reached out to Mr. Porter several times, 1 2 requesting the supporting documentation, but he has not 3 provided it. The debtors notified Mr. Porter that as a result, they would be proceeding on his claim at today's hearing, but 4 5 we did not receive any response from Mr. Porter. 6 Accordingly, the debtors respectfully request that the Court grant the sixty-fourth omnibus objection as to Mr. 7 Porter's claim 5458. 9 THE COURT: Before doing that, let me simply ask if 10 there's anyone present in court or on the telephone who 11 represents Mr. Porter in this matter. 12 I hear no response. This objection to the claim of 13 DuWarn Porter is granted because Mr. Porter has failed to prosecute his objection to disallowance of the claim. 14 15 MS. ECKOLS: Thank you, Your Honor. 16 And that concludes the items on the agenda for today. 17 THE COURT: Fine. If there's nothing further, we're 18 adjourned. 19 MS. ECKOLS: Thank you. 20 THE COURT: Thank you. (Whereupon these proceedings were concluded at 11:24 AM) 21 22 23 24 25

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